

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan for Holmans Creek in Shenandoah County. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Holmans Creek bacteria impairment was approved by EPA on December 5, 2001 and the benthic (sediment) TMDL was approved by EPA on May 1, 2003. Both documents are available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdlrpts.html>.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

The final public meeting on the development of the IP for the Holmans Creek fecal coliform bacteria and sediment TMDLs will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the old Forestville school building at 51 Quicksburg Rd., Forestville, Virginia (on Rt. 767 just east of the junction with Rt. 42).

The public comment period will end on July 16, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for Holmans Creek bacteria TMDL is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Tamara Keeler, DCR, (540) 332-8955 or Robert Brent, DEQ, (540) 574-7848. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801. E-mail: rbrent@deq.state.va.us.